

**REMARKS**

This amendment is filed pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312 and is being presented in order to have a claim which more particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject which Applicants regard as the invention. This amendment was pre-approved by the Examiner. No new matter has been added. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Terryence F. Chapman

TFC/smd

FLYNN, THIEL, BOUTELL  
& TANIS, P.C.  
2026 Rambling Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-1631  
Phone: (269) 381-1156  
Fax: (269) 381-5465

|                         |             |     |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----|
| Dale H. Thiel           | Reg. No. 24 | 323 |
| David G. Boutell        | Reg. No. 25 | 072 |
| Ronald J. Tanis         | Reg. No. 22 | 724 |
| Terryence F. Chapman    | Reg. No. 32 | 549 |
| Mark L. Maki            | Reg. No. 36 | 589 |
| Liane L. Churney        | Reg. No. 40 | 694 |
| Brian R. Tumm           | Reg. No. 36 | 328 |
| Steven R. Thiel         | Reg. No. 53 | 685 |
| Donald J. Wallace       | Reg. No. 43 | 977 |
| Sidney B. Williams, Jr. | Reg. No. 24 | 949 |

Encl: Postal Card

165.10/03